

investigation, but on Monday, assistant prosecutor Kenneth Bailey said Warren police have been called in to review the state patrol's probe.

"The Sheriff's Department said Howland police could also be involved after the investigation is complete. The point is it's important that the public have confidence in any investigation we conduct," he said.

0.02 percent blood alcohol content. Drivers 21 or older are considered drunk with a blood alcohol content of 0.10.

alcohol was measured. Troopers said he was taking his car to the hospital, which occurred at

1:30 p.m. Feb. 27 before the arrest of Terry Ivanchak. Lt. William Thompson of the state

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EPA says plant contamination is contained

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WARREN — Tests confirm that contamination found at the former Mahoningside Generating Plant site is contained. Which is good news for the city's efforts to redevelop the site.

Mark Durno, on-site coordinator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, said recent tests reveal polychlorinated biphenyls, or PCBs, were contained to a limited area at the site and a small section of the Mahoning River.

"Other than the PCBs found at the site and in the river, we did not find any indication of a public health threat," Durno said.

If the EPA had discovered PCBs had spread to the surrounding environment, the city would have had to wait for a protracted and costly cleanup. Also, if the contamination had been more extensive, it would have been more difficult for a developer to build on the site.

The city owns the property on the corner of Summit Street and Tod Place N.W., and officials would like to see the riverfront property developed.

Durno said with tests proving only limited contamination, the U.S. EPA is footing the bill for the \$725,000 cleanup, and workers will likely be finished in about six weeks.

The city began the cleanup, but the U.S. EPA took over last year when PCBs, a carcinogen, were discovered.

Durno said they discovered PCBs in soil and loose shale in the basement of the former plant. He said they also found contaminants in about 20 cubic yards of the river. The area of the river was next to a contaminated discharge pipe, Durno said.

Durno said they tested the perimeter of the site and about one mile of the river, and found no other significant amounts of PCBs. The U.S. EPA cleans up areas where PCBs reach more than 50 parts per million.

Durno said an area of about 3,000 square feet in the basement tested at between 50 and 530 parts per million, while the small portion of river sediment tested at between 200 and 6,500 parts per million.

He said there will be some deed restrictions for whoever takes over, but it will not prevent development of the site.

Other contaminants also were discovered in 2000, but those have been cleaned up, Durno said.

He said the EPA is removing the contaminated soil and shipping it to a toxic landfill near Buffalo, N.Y.

Michael Keys, director of Warren Redevelopment and Planning Corp., said the cleanup is a key to the rebirth of downtown.

"We don't know what the interest level is going to be in the property," Keys said. "The first thing we are going to do is put some feelers out."

Keys said while upscale residential development is possible, he envisions the property tying into the Riverwalk project.

The Riverwalk will feature a riverside walkway, amphitheater and renovation of historical buildings along the Mahoning River. He said the walkway could end at the former power plant site.

"A lot of people think of the power plant as an ugly place, but once we do some landscaping it will be attractive," Keys said. "Maybe this is the place for a nice restaurant and a couple of shops."

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